

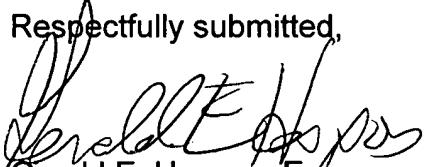
REMARKS

Consideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

At the outset, counsel apologizes to the Examiner for any confusion that maybe generated by the several preliminary amendments that have been filed in this case. The undersigned attorney for the applicant's received very specific instructions to amend the claims as set forth in the preliminary amendment mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 1, 2006. Counsel has now received equally specific instructions to amend the claims again back to the form that existed prior to the August 1, 2006 preliminary amendment. It is assumed that these confusing and conflicting requests relate to communication and/or translation problems in Japan.

The Examiner is urged to contact applicant's attorney at the number below if the Examiner concludes that further clarification is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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